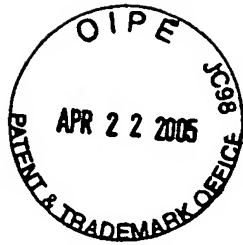


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 10/529,907	)	
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For: EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS,	:	April 22, 2005
EXPOSURE MASK, AND DEVICE	)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD	:	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: